

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Clouette, Schaefer, Martin, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Martin seconded to approve the minutes of September 8, 2003 as corrected. Correction: add "Town of Mansfield" as place where dead crow which tested positive for West Nile Virus was found.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Dr. Elizabeth Cowles, 50 Meadowoods, expressed concern over the data quality of the UConn landfill remediation project done by ERI. The recent indictment of the director calls into question the water samples. She requested that the Town put pressure on the University to hook up all houses with water in the suspect areas. Communications from the Town and University should be given to all neighbors.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to place item 5A on the agenda; UConn landfill-water samples.

So passed unanimously.

Becky Lehman, Chairman of the Social Service Advisory Committee, spoke on the Fee Waiver Ordinance.

The committee does not want anyone to be left out. 90% is acceptable to the Social Services committee. However there still needs to be a safety net for those between the 90-100% need for funds. The Town would have to have start up funds, but hopefully private donations such as the special needs funds would make the 10% difference. The Social Services staff would administer these funds.

Alison Blair, Coventry Road, encouraged the Town Council to have the fee waiver ordinance go to Public Hearing

At 8:12 p.m. the opportunity for the public to address the council ended.

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to add 5B to the agenda: Parks and Recreation Fees.

So passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fee Waiver Ordinance

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Martin seconded that effective September 22, 2003, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on October 14, 2003, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendment to the Mansfield Code of Ordinances, Chapter 122, Article III-Fee Waivers.

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to drop Section B from what we have at the public hearing and make the appropriate changes in section A where it refers to Section B (it's the part that sets out the after school program)

Amendment so passed unanimously.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to further amend the motion by rearranging the draft that we are going to take to the public hearing to put the ambulance fees back to 100% and 50% as before.

Amendment so passed unanimously.

Vote on motion as amended was done by roll call:

Bellm Yes
Haddad Yes
Hawkins Yes
Holinko Yes
Paterson Yes
Clouette Yes
Schaefer Yes
Martin Yes
Thorkelson Yes

Amended motion so passed unanimously.

2. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) 2004 State Legislative Program (item #5, 09-08-03 Agenda)

No action necessary.

3. Underage Drinking, University Spring Weekend and President Austin's Task Force on Substance Abuse(Item #4, 09-08-03 Agenda)

Staff is still working on possible ordinances.

V. NEW BUSINESS

4. Grant Application to Support Mansfield School Readiness Program

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Haddad seconded that effective September 22, 2003 to authorize the Mayor to submit an application in the amount of 471,900 to the Connecticut Department of Education to fund Mansfield's School Readiness Program for fiscal year 2003/04.

So passed unanimously.

5. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA, Local 760-Professional and Technical Employees

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to move effective September 22, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Mansfield and CSEA, Local 760-Professional and Technical Employees for the term beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2006.

So passed unanimously.

5A. UConn landfill well-testing

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that:

The Town Council of the Town of Mansfield urges

1. The University and DEP communicate clearly any and all problems with testing by ERI of the wells in the area impacted by the UConn landfill; and communicate the proposed solutions to these problems.
2. The University and independent agencies retest those wells whose ERI test results may be suspect.

So passed unanimously.

5B. Parks and Recreation fees

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Martin seconded that the issue of Parks and Recreation fees be placed on the next agenda, and until such time the Council visits that issue and makes a policy decision to refrain from implementing the rate structure that's in this (brochure) where the terms member and non-member be revised to be resident and non-resident

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Greg Haddad made the following motion to accept the following appointments to the commissions and boards:

Mr. Martin H. Berliner and Mayor Elizabeth Paterson to the Eastern Health District.

Reappoint Patricia Bresnahan and David Silsbee to the Parks Advisory Committee.

Reappoint Sheldon Dyer to the Recreation Advisory Committee

Appoint to the Connecticut Office of Tourism-Ms. Ann Smith to replace Mr. Tony Holt

Nominations seconded by Mr. Thorkelson.

So passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Bellm mentioned the meeting held by the University on the potential development of East Campus-886acres.

Mayor Paterson welcomed the Connecticut Town Clerk's Conference held at the Rome Ballroom. This was the first time the Conference was held in Tolland County,

Mayor Paterson and Town Manager Martin Berliner attended the award ceremony to announce that Southeast Elementary School received the Green Flag award for Environmental Leadership by the Center for Health, Environment and Justice. The program was exceptional and Southeast has been distinguished by being named an exemplar school nationally for its recycling program.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Planning and Zoning Commission has approved the telecommunication tower on Clover Mill Road at the Town Garage site.

So far approximately 1150 memberships have been sold to the Community Center and 220 teens from the high school for the teen center and 12 middle School teens for the teen center.

Additional donations of \$40,000 have been given to the Community Center. This amount brings the total donations and pledges over \$300,000.

A number of years ago there was a request to participate in the ADA corridor. Staff is working with the Social Services department as to costs and possibility of doing it again.

X. FUTURE AGENGAS

XI. .PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. G. Schimel re: Mansfield Middle School and Adequate Yearly Progress
7. US Department of Agriculture re: Rural Business Opportunity Grant
8. M & W Marcotte re: Fee Waiver Program for Community Center Memberships
9. Planning and Zoning application referral re: Four lot subdivision in the Vicinity of North side of Browns Road about 1,500' West of Route 195
10. G. Padick re: Proposed Telecommunication Tower, Knowlton Hill Road, Ashford
11. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities-"Municipal Early Childhood Success Initiative:

12. Minutes of the UConn Master Plan Advisory Committee
13. University of Connecticut-Agenda for Campus Master Plan Update
14. R. Miller re: UConn Hazardous Waste Storage Site Study Advisory Committee
15. Southeast Elementary School re: Green Flag Award for Environmental Leadership

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:34 p.m. Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk